



Easy Read

Help to make your decisions

This fact sheet has some hard words.

The first time we write hard words

- the words are in **blue**
- we will write what the hard words mean.



You have the right to make your own **decisions**.

Decisions are like choices.



Sometimes we need help to make decisions.

You can choose a person to help you
make decisions.



You can give the person you choose **authority**
to help you.



Authority means the law says the person can do things like



- get information you need to make a decision

For example, your medical information



- talk to people and organisations about you and decisions you need to make



- tell people and organisations the decisions you have made



- go to meetings with you



- help you to say what you want when you are sick.



You can **appoint** someone to help you make decisions.

Appoint means you fill out a form and sign the form in front of other people called witnesses.

You can appoint a

- **medical support person**
- **supportive attorney.**



Medical support person means a person to help you make decisions about what to do when you are sick or hurt.



Supportive attorney means a person to help you make decisions about other things. For example, what bills to pay or where to live.





The law says you can only appoint someone if

- you understand what authority means
- the person you choose says yes.

The law says you can **not** choose some people.

For example, a paid carer can not be your supportive attorney.



When you fill out the form you write things like

- who you choose
- what types of decisions you want help with
- how you want the person to help you.



If you do **not** want the person you appoint to help you anymore, you will need to fill out another form.



For more information

Phone the Office of the Public Advocate on
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